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January 26, 2006

The Honorable W. Douglas Buttrey, Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Docket # FD34797**

Dear Mr. Buttrey:

Please allow me to comment on concerns we have in the City of Woburn, Massachusetts relative to New England Transrail's proposed trash transfer facility. I'm sure you are aware that this trash transfer facility is planned to be situated in the town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, which is located just north of the City of Woburn. It is expected that this operation will see a minimum of 400 truck trips per day. We also anticipate that each trip would traverse local roadways in Woburn in order to access Interstate 93 and Interstate 95.

The City of Woburn anticipates a significant impact from the daily operation of this proposed facility.

Our concerns are listed below:

- (a) The Olin property has not been adequately investigated for contaminants and that the Surface Transportation Board should allow for unfettered E.P.A. access to the Olin property to insure that all environmental concerns have been adequately investigated and resolved.
- (b) We are concerned of adverse economic impact to our existing commercial areas as a result of the anticipated truck traffic.
- (c) We are concerned that access ramps to the existing interstates are not adequate to support this level of commercial traffic thereby increasing the level of safety concerns in the City of Woburn.
- (d) We are concerned that policy guidelines and emergency procedures relating to the day to day operation of this facility are unclear.
- (e) The hours of operation appear to be unclear at this point.
- (f) We are concerned about the level of noise associated with the proposed grinding operation.
- (g) We are concerned about the level of noise associated with the proposed pumps to be installed and operating at the site.

- (h) We are concerned about the possibility of hazardous waste products inadvertently arriving at the proposed facility.
- (i) We are concerned about the quality of temporary structures to be located on the property.
- (j) We are concerned about the enforcement of rules and regulations that would serve to prevent commercial vehicles from traveling through established residential areas.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. McLaughlin  
Mayor

CC: Woburn City Council  
Attorney Mark Reich  
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